GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7378
ANSWERED ON:12.05.2000
SAMBHAR SALT AREA IN RAJASTHAN
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV;RASA SINGH RAWAT

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sambhar Salt Area in Rajasthan was leased out to M/s HindustanSalts Limited, a Government of India Undertaking for the integrated development of the Sambhar Salt Area;

(b) if so, whether the integrated development took place;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government of Rajasthan has been repeatedly requesting the Union Government for the return of Sambhar Salt Area; and

(e) if so, the reasons for not agreeing to do so?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): A sum of Rs.368.69 lakhs has been invested for various development works including construction of Gudha Jhapog Dam and borewells and for installation of equipment, conversion of MG railway line into BG line and setting up of a Salt Washery.

(d) & (e): Government of Rajasthan had requested for retransfer of the leased out area of Sambhar Salt. However, this request was not agreed to as it is not in the overall interest of the Company.